AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (previously presented) A drive belt for rotational transfer of a force between two or more drive wheels, provided with a tensile means for transferring the force to be transferred between said drive wheels, in which the tensile means is incorporated in the belt, which belt is provided with transverse elements, each disposed at radial sides of said tensile means, effecting a contact between the belt and a drive wheel, the transverse elements being provided with a slotted opening for receiving the tensile means, with an intermediate body of elastically deformable material deposed to at least one radial side of which so as to be able to be compressed between the tensile means and the transverse elements effecting a transfer of driving power from the transverse elements to the tensile means and vice versa, said tensile means extending over a width being from 0.5 to 0.9 times a width of the transverse element at the running diameter of the belt,

wherein the tensile means comprises one of a uni-directional (UD) and a metal sheet-material, in which the intermediate body has an adhesive connection with a radial face of the tensile

means and in which the slotted openings of the transverse elements fit with a cross section of the tensile means.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (previously presented) The belt according to claim 1, wherein the tensile means has an elastically deformable material, coated on to the tensile means, such that a small layer of material is located in a contact between the tensile means and a transverse element.

5. (previously presented) The belt according to claim 1, wherein the tensile means is of a thickness less than 0.5 mm.

6. (Canceled)

7. (previously presented) The belt according to claim 1, wherein the tensile means thickness is less than 0.20 times a smallest running radius.

8. (previously presented) The belt according to claim 1, wherein the intermediate body has an elasticity modulus more than 6 times lower than that of the transverse elements.

9. (previously presented) The belt according to claim 1, wherein a mutual distance of the transverse elements corresponds to the thickness of the transverse elements.

10. (previously presented) The belt according to claim 1, wherein a maximum height of the intermediate body corresponds to a mutual distance between the transverse elements.

11. (previously presented) The belt according to claim 1, wherein the intermediate body is provided over at least a substantial part of the width of the tensile means.

12. (previously presented) The belt according to claim 1, wherein a maximum height of the intermediate body is less than half of the transverse element height taken from the relevant radial side of the tensile means to a relevant radial end of the transverse elements.

13. (previously presented) The belt according to claim 1, wherein the intermediate body is adhesively attached to the relevant radial face of the tensile means.

14. (previously presented) The belt according to claim 1, wherein a maximum element height is less than half of a nominal element width.

15. (cancelled)

16. (previously presented) The belt according to claim 1, wherein the tensile means is composed of a single part which is curled to an endless element.

17. (previously presented) The belt according to claim 1, for application in a transmission with a V-wedged pulley, further comprising a V-shape with lateral pulley contacting faces, an elastically deformable spacing means being located longitudinally between said transverse elements, wherein the tensile means comprises a flat strip of a minimal thickness TT 0.05 mm >= TT <= 0.25 mm, extending over a width WT, substantially matching a nominal width WB of a transverse element 0.5 WB >= WT <= 0.9 WB, the strip like tensile means being located centred over a radial height of a transverse element in the belt.

18. (previously presented) The belt according to claim 1, wherein the thickness of said tensile means is 0.05-0.25 mm.

19. (previously presented) The belt according to claim 1, wherein the thickness of said tensile means is less than 0.25 mm.

20. (previously presented) The belt according to claim 1, wherein the thickness of said tensile means is no more than 0.1 mm.

21. (previously presented) A drive belt for rotational transfer of a force between two or more drive wheels, comprising:

a tensile element for transferring the force to be transferred between said drive wheels, in which the tensile element is incorporated in the belt;

a plurality of transverse elements, each disposed at radial sides of said tensile element, effecting a contact between the belt and a drive wheel;

a slotted opening provided on each transverse element for receiving the tensile element; and

an intermediate body of elastically deformable material deposed to at least one radial side so as to be able to be compressed between the tensile element and the transverse elements to effect a transfer of driving power from the transverse elements to the tensile element and vice versa, said tensile element extending over a width being from 0.5 to 0.9 times a width of the transverse element at a running diameter of the belt,

wherein the tensile element comprises one of a uni-directional (UD) and a metal sheet-material, in which the intermediate body has an adhesive connection with a radial face of the tensile element and in which the slotted openings of the transverse elements fit with a cross section of the tensile element.

22. (new) A drive belt for rotational transfer of a force between two or more drive wheels, comprising:

a tensile means for transferring the force to be transferred between said drive wheels, in which, the tensile means is incorporated radially centered in the belt, the belt being provided with transverse elements disposed onto said tensile means, effecting a contact between the belt and a drive wheel; and

elastically deformable material which is included between the tensile means and the transverse elements,

wherein the tensile means is composed of a solid flat strip or sheet like tensile means having two closed apposite radial surfaces, and the transverse elements have a slotted opening through which the strip or sheet like tensile means extends, such that the transverse elements extend from the two opposite radial surfaces of the strip or sheet like tensile means and from two side faces of the strip or sheet like tensile means, and wherein elastically deformable elements are adhered to at least one

radial surface of the strip or sheet like tensile means, between adjacent transverse elements, at least one of said adjacent transverse elements being movable against the at least one elastically deformable element between said adjacent transverse elements, relative to the strip or sheet like tensile means.

23. (new) The drive belt according to claim 22, wherein the elastically deformable element has a mid section in between two adjacent transverse elements having a height above the relevant radial surface of the strip which is greater than the height of the elastically deformable element near the transverse element movable against the elastically deformable element.